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Subpart B—Requirements for Specific Standardized Frozen Vegetables

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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 158.3 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part the following definitions shall apply:

(a) *Lot*. A collection of primary containers or units of the same size, type and style manufactured or packed under similar conditions and handled as a single unit of trade.

(b) *Lot size*. The number of primary containers or units (pounds when in bulk) in the lot.

(c) *Sample size*. The total number of sample units drawn for examination from a lot.

(d) *Sample unit*. A container, a portion of the contents of a container, or a composite mixture of product from small containers that is sufficient for the examination or testing as a single unit.

(e) *Defective*. Any sample unit shall be regarded as defective when the sample unit does not meet the criteria set forth in the standards.

(f) *Acceptance number*. The maximum number of defective sample units permitted in the sample in order to consider the lot as meeting the specified requirements. The following acceptance numbers shall apply:

Lot size (primary container)	Size container	
	<i>n</i> ¹	<i>c</i> ²
NET WEIGHT EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 1 KG (2.2 LB)		
4,800 or less	13	2
4,801 to 24,000	21	3
24,001 to 48,000	29	4
48,001 to 84,000	48	6
84,001 to 144,000	84	9
144,001 to 240,000	126	13
Over 240,000	200	19
NET WEIGHT GREATER THAN 1 KG (2.2 LB)		
Number of Pounds		
20,000 or less	13	2
More than 20,000 to 100,000	21	3
More than 100,000 to 200,000	29	4
More than 200,000 to 400,000	48	6
More than 400,000 to 600,000	84	9
More than 600,000 to 1,000,000	126	13
More than 1,000,000	200	19

¹ *n* = number of sample units.

² *c* = acceptance number.

(g) *Acceptable quality level (AQL)*. The maximum percent of defective sample units permitted in a lot that will be accepted approximately 95 percent of the time.

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(a) *Identity*—(1) *Product definition*. Frozen peas is the food in “package” form as that term is defined in § 1.20 of this chapter, prepared from the succulent seed of the pea plant of the species *Pisum sativum* L. Any suitable variety of pea may be used. It is blanched, drained, and preserved by freezing in such a way that the range of temperature of maximum crystallization is passed quickly. The freezing process shall not be regarded as complete until the product temperature has reached –18 °C (0 °F) or lower at the thermal center, after thermal stabilization. Such food may contain one, or any combination of two or more, of the following safe and suitable optional ingredients:

- (i) Natural and artificial flavors.
- (ii) Condiments such as spices and mint leaves.
- (iii) Dry nutritive carbohydrate sweeteners.
- (iv) Salt.
- (v) Monosodium glutamate and other glutamic acid salts.

(2) *Size specifications*. If size graded, frozen peas shall contain not less than 80 percent by weight of peas of the size declared or of smaller sizes. The sample unit may not contain more than 20 percent by weight of peas of the next two larger sizes, of which not more than one quarter by weight of such peas may be of the larger of these two sizes, and may contain no peas larger than the next two larger sizes, if such there be. The following sizes and designations shall apply:

Size designation	Round hole sieve size through which peas will pass	
	Millimeters	Inch
Extra small	Up to 7.5	0.295
Very small	Up to 8.232
Small	Up to 8.7534